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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**Attn: Mr. Dale Shaw  
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Dear Mr. Shaw:

This communication confirms our personal interview conducted on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, in which you advised me that the instant matter is up for hearing on appeal except for the presence of the Petition filed November 7, 2007. It is my understanding that before an actual hearing date is set the Petition must either be decided or withdrawn. In order to expedite the hearing on appeal, Applicants, through counsel, hereby withdraw their previous Petition in order to obtain the earliest possible hearing date on their appeal.

It is to be understood that the withdrawal of the Petition is not to be construed as a withdrawal of any factual statements made therein, but is merely made to expedite the hearing on their appeal in order to obtain the Reissue Patent at the earliest possible time.

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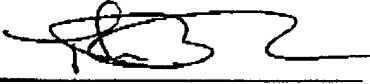
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